

**Members Present:** Martha Varney, Mark Hunziker, Mark Kane

**Public Present:** Skip Taylor, ZA, Amanda Holland, Northwest Regional Planning

7:19 PM- **M. Varney** called the meeting to order.

7:20 PM - The minutes were reviewed from Tuesday January 6, 2015. **M. Hunziker** moved to approve the minutes; **M. Kane** 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

7: 21 PM – **S. Taylor** started the conversation about the Feasibility Study. The Planning Commission was given a copy via email of the Draft for the “Fairfax North-South Pedestrian Connection Scoping Study” that was received February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 from the consultants. The Planning Commission will be providing this study draft to all Advisory Committee members and will invite them to attend the February 17<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting to have a work session to go over the draft, ask questions of Amanda Holland and the consultants. Further discussion included the possibility of sending out a survey, questions as to why Phase I of the existing Sidewalk Plan wasn’t started; and the goal to have the public presentation date planned so it can be announced at Town Meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>. **A. Holland** is going to connect with the consulting team to firm up their availability for the public presentation.

7:45 PM – **S. Taylor** sent research he had collected to the Commission on Solar Array’s and Energy Policies and Standards from other communities. **M. Kane** stated that what he got out of some of the research is that the goal of “what are you trying to protect” needs to be very clear. The creation of a town Scenic Resource Map was discussed and how do we do that and get the town involved in determining what we are protecting. Also discussed was developing setbacks or adequate screening requirements. **M. Kane** asked **A. Holland** if there was a way to join with other neighboring towns to form a sub-committee as he feels that many of the towns will have the same goals in mind. **A. Holland** discussed grant \$ for energy planning that would be geared towards policy setting/determining priorities in areas. **M. Kane** discussed the desire to make this more of a positive and not a negative and to help encourage development. **M. Varney** discussed the importance of setting standards before it was a direct need. The Commission also discussed other thoughts about Solar Arrays including what happens to them at the end of their useful life, land owner rights, and the possibility of diversifying income for local farmers. **A. Holland** suggested showing people what the Array’s actually look like as it is hard for people to visualize these and then to show the difference with a setback or adequate screening. The Planning Commission will not host their meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup> as that is voting day. They will meet March 10<sup>th</sup> instead and they intend for that agenda to focus on Solar Arrays.

Mail was presented which included proposed Bylaw changes from neighboring Towns.

The upcoming schedule for the Planning Commission was re-discussed.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday, February 17th, 2015 at 7PM.

8:22 PM- **M. Kane** moved to adjourn; **M. Hunziker** 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amber Soter, Planning and Zoning Assistant

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
For the Planning Commission

*These draft minutes are unofficial until approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting. All motions were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.*